

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

47. (amended) A method in a networked computer system for offering to recipients of published works of authorship a license to use a work of authorship, comprising:
- a. having on a computer network a license offering server that presents web pages, each web page associated with one of a plurality of viewable works of authorship and with a unique work identifier, each web page presenting to any of a plurality of client computers on the network an offer of a license to use the associated viewable work of authorship;
 - b. from a server on the computer network, providing to a client computer on the network one of said works of authorship and causing the client computer to display, ~~as a viewable part of said viewable work,~~ a hotspot containing an icon comprising a non-verbal representation of a visual object which, when selected at the client computer, provides the unique work identifier associated with said work for use as a part of a network address, thereby directing the client computer to the licensing web page for the associated work of authorship; and
 - c. receiving at the license offering server a request from the client computer to present the licensing web page for the associated work of authorship.

48. (previously canceled)

49. (amended) The method of claim 47 wherein the work of authorship is a text article viewable in a single window, having a beginning and an end and the hotspot is located within the article window at the end.

50. The method of claim 47 wherein the unique work identifier is a universal resource name within the network.

51. The method of claim 47 wherein the unique work identifier includes an identifier of the publisher of the work.

52. The method of claim 47 wherein each licensing web page includes one or more of: a title of the associated work, a name of an author of the associated work, and a name of a publisher of the associated work.

53. The method of claim 47 wherein each licensing web page includes a field in which a type of permission can be selected.

54. The method of claim 47 wherein the work of authorship is a text article and the associated licensing web page includes a field in which a portion of the article to be used can be specified.

55. The method of claim 47 wherein each licensing web page includes a hotspot which, if selected, indicates that offered license terms have been accepted.

56. The method of claim 47 wherein the computer network comprises the global computer network.

57. A method in a networked computer system for granting licenses to use a work of authorship and presenting records of said licenses, comprising:

a. having on a computer network a server that presents web pages, each web page associated with one of a plurality of source works of authorship, each web page presenting to any one of a plurality of client computers an offer of a license to use the associated source work of authorship;

b. receiving at the server from one of said client computers, relating to one of said web pages, an acceptance of the license to use the associated source work of authorship;

c. in response to receiving the acceptance, creating on a server on the computer network a record associated with said accepted license and containing information

about said accepted license, said record identified by a unique license identifier and accessible by said client computer; and

d. providing to said client computer said unique license identifier.

58. The method of claim 57 wherein the license identifier comprises a number..

59. The method of claim 57 wherein the record on the server is accessible by a client computer in the form of a web page presenting terms of the accepted license.

60. The method of claim 59 further comprising the step of the server receiving from a client computer said unique license identifier and using said unique license identifier to find the record.

61. The method of claim 57 wherein the server solicits from the client computer a name of the licensee and records the name in the record.

62. The method of claim 57 wherein the server solicits from the client computer an address and sends to the client computer a message that printed copies of the work of authorship will be delivered to the specified address.

63. The method of claim 57 wherein the record includes one or more of: a title of the associated work, a name of an author of the associated work, and a name of a publisher of the associated work.

64. The method of claim 57 wherein the computer network comprises the global computer network.

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72. A server system for registering licensing terms for a set of works of authorship and granting copyright licenses for such works of authorship via a computer network, the server system comprising:

(a) a registration component that receives registration information for a set of works of authorship from a first client system and generates a licensing terms record in a database corresponding to the set, the registration component also generating a first code corresponding to the licensing terms record and thereafter providing the first code to the first client system, the first code including information enabling a second client system to access the license record; and

(b) a clearance component that receives from the second client system a request to access the licensing terms record in the registration component, the request including user information and acceptance of terms of a license corresponding to the licensing terms record, and the clearance component providing to the second client system a second code corresponding to a license granted for the work of authorship associated with the licensing terms record and generating a corresponding license record for the granted license accessible from a client computer as a web page corresponding to the second code.

73. The server system of claim 72 wherein the request received by the clearance component from the second client system comprises a request from a web browser running on the second client system, the web browser generating the request from the first code.

74. The server system of claim 72 wherein the clearance component further provides along with the second code a copy of the work of authorship to the second client system.

75. [previously canceled]

76. The server system of claim 72 wherein the registration and clearance components communicate with client systems over the global computer network.

77. A server system for granting licenses to use a work of authorship and providing information about such licenses, comprising:

(a) a database component that generates web pages, each web page being associated with at least one of a plurality of source works of authorship, and each web page presenting to any one of a plurality of users an offer of a license to use the associated source work of authorship;

(b) a receiving component that receives acceptances from users, each acceptance relating to one of the web pages and being an acceptance of a license to use each source work of authorship associated with the web page;

(c) a licensing record component that receives each acceptance, and, in response to receiving the acceptance, generates a record associated with the accepted license and containing information about the terms of the accepted license, the record being identified by a unique license identifier, and the licensing record component providing to the user supplying the acceptance the unique license identifier.

78. The server system of claim 77 wherein each of the plurality of users corresponds to a client system.

79. The server system of claim 77 wherein each unique license identifier comprises one of or both of: a visual representation conveying information enabling a user to access the record associated with the license and a machine-readable portion enabling the user to access the record through a web browser.

80. The server system of claim 77 wherein each record comprises a markup language file that may be displayed by a user through a web browser

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83. (previously canceled)

84. (amended) A method in a networked computer system for offering to recipients of published works of authorship a license to use a work of authorship, comprising:

a. having on a computer network a license offering server that presents web pages, each web page associated with one of a plurality of viewable works of authorship and with a unique work identifier, each web page presenting to any of a plurality of client computers on the network an offer of a license to use the associated viewable work of authorship;

b. from a server on the computer network, providing to a client computer on the network one of said works of authorship and causing the client computer to display, as a viewable part of said viewable work viewable in a single window, a hotspot which, when selected at the client computer, provides the unique work identifier associated with said work for use as a part of a network address, thereby directing the client computer to the licensing web page for the associated work of authorship; and

c. receiving at the license offering server a request from the client computer to present the licensing web page for the associated work of authorship.

85. The method of claim 84 wherein the hot spot includes an icon representing an action to obtain a license relating to the work of authorship.

86. The method of claim 84 wherein the work of authorship is a text article having a beginning and an end and the hotspot is located at the end.

87. The method of claim 84 wherein the unique work identifier is a universal resource name within the network.

88. The method of claim 84 wherein the unique work identifier includes an identifier of the publisher of the work.

89. The method of claim 84 wherein each licensing web page includes one or more of: a title of the associated work, a name of an author of the associated work, and a name of a publisher of the associated work.

90. The method of claim 84 wherein each licensing web page includes a field in which a type of permission can be selected.

91. The method of claim 84 wherein the work of authorship is a text article and the associated licensing web page includes a field in which a portion of the article to be used can be specified.

92. The method of claim 84 wherein each licensing web page includes a hotspot which, if selected, indicates that offered license terms have been accepted.

93. The method of claim 84 wherein the computer network comprises the global computer network.